

Groveland Municipal Light Department
Minutes of Meeting
April 10, 2018

Present: K. Cross, S. LaBelle, S. Daniels, K. Snow, M. Croteau and Diedre Lawrence.

Time Started: 4:08 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all present.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Motion to approve by S. LaBelle.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Warrants: 18-37, 18-39.

- Motion to approve by S. Daniels.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2018.

- Motion to approve by S. Daniels.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in Favor.

944 Salem St- Potential Litigation Relating to Payment Bond:

- K. Snow invited Diedre Lawrence of Duncan and Allen to discuss the litigation with G.C.T.
- D. Lawrence explained that several demands have been made to the bond company. She discussed the possible options that GELD would have. Number one would be to do nothing or number two would be to start preparing a notice of claims because G.T.C. has filed for bankruptcy protection. The bond company doesn't think they have to pay GELD. Duncan and Allen would file for a Declaratory Judgement. The bond company may litigate at that point. If they don't litigate then GELD would seek a Motion for Summary Judgement. A discussion ensued with the Commissioner on how they would like to go forward.
- A Motion was made by S. LaBelle to authorize K. Snow to work with Duncan and Allen on litigation to seek Judgements against the bond company:
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.

T Rate to A Rate:

- K. Snow informed the commissioners that GELD has 88 T Rate customers. It has come to our attention that some of these customers have other heating sources in the residents. This all came about due to the high usage in January and people calling. Two customers informed our staff they had oil heat along with the electric heat. This is in violation of the T Rate tariff. Those two customers are A Rate now. T Rate specifies that in order for a customer to qualify for the rate the sole source of heating must be electric. By investigating our 88 customers that have the T Rate it was found that 22 of them have some other heating source. K. Snow asked D. Lawrence what are our options.

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- D. Lawrence informed the commissioner that there are two options.
- According to D. Lawrence the first option is to file to close T Rate all together on a specific date and make all 88 customers A Rate. The second option is to file for a rate change with the DPU saying that: 1) The T-Rate is closed to new applications/Customers, and: 2) once an owner occupant sells the residence the T Rate will not transfer to the next home owner. The rate would change to A Rate. Then post it in the paper for 30 days. Have K. Snow send out notice to the 88 customers informing them of the change and explaining that an audit will be done to each residence. They will have to call our department to set up an inspection to make sure they qualify for the T. Rate. If the owner of the residence fails to contact our office by a certain date to make an appointment it will be change to an A Rate automatically.
- A discussion about how to handle the T Rate and the possibility of changing the rate.
- S. LaBelle made a motion to amend the T Rate to close any new customer as of July 2018 and add a clause to the T Rate stating that once a T Rate customers sells the residence the rate does not transfer to this new customer but automatically change to an A Rate.
- 2nd by S. Daniels.
- All in favor.
- The commissioners would like the account to be flagged to make it easier to see when a final bill is request for a sale of a home. M. Croteau will put on each T Rate customers account in the alerts that the account is T Rate.

B Rate to C Rate customers:

- K. Snow mentioned that after the last meeting he decided to look into two things: 1) was there a requirement that a demand meter reading be shown on the screen of the meter. I contacted the DPU, spoke with peers and spoke with D. Lawrence and can find no evidence that this is required. I did however speak with Elster, our meter supplier, and they could program the meters remotely to show the demand on screen, which would eliminate any doubt. 2) I did an exercise to see what the effect of the change from B to C rate would be on three businesses that breached the spectrum of those affected. What I found was that if they were able to keep their demand to a minimum they would actually be saving money.

Meeting about Proposed ENE EV Program:

- K. Snow this meeting was to discuss the proposal of electric cars and a program to set up to help with the peak of demand. ENE put a package together and right now because our department is some and no one has asked us about electric cars I say we table this and maybe later have an off peak rate for electric cars.

MA Legislative Bill:

- K. Snow mentions that home owners will be required to have their homes audited for efficiency. Governor Baker filed the attached bill. Essentially the DOER would require home sold in Massachusetts to come with an efficiency scorecard. ENE auditors will be equipped to do the scorecard.

GMLD Employee Handbook Update:

- K. Snow had noticed that current revision needed to be made and the handbook needs to be signed by all commissioners. The vacation was revised and the day after Thanksgiving added. Both have been previously voted on but weren't added to handbook. All commissioners signed the handbook.

Other:

- The roof leaks over in two units at 944 Salem St. (Mr. Tubs and Daniels Electric). K. Snow approached 3 contractors to seek repairs. Two do not want to do the job. The last one I have an appointment with.
- K. Cross wants this address promptly and fix any part that may be rotting out.
- ENE Peak Shaving Generator Rental: K. Snow mentions as much as he would like to do this now is not a good time. The department has to finish the parking lot, fix the leak in the roof, obtain a Capacitor and Arc Flash Study, and possibly look into a smart circuit mapping system.
- K. Cross asked where GELD stands on the 5kv upgrade.
- K. Snow said he wish he could tell them that it was going to take only two years. There are a lot of gaps due to poles being need to be set within the Verizon Set-zone but our linemen are working on it.
- K. Snow made mention of a customer with past due balance and how the office was handle the account. M. Croteau filled the commissioners in on the possible shut off.
- Next meeting will be schedule for May 8th at 3:30 pm.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Daniels at 5:55 pm.
- 2nd by S. LaBelle.
- All in favor.

Approval of minutes:

Date:

K. Cross

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